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TAGS: TGEN, IS  
SUBJECT: BIRDF - AUGUST 16 MEETING OF GOVERNORS

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN  
AUGUST 27 ISSUE OF LABOR PARTY-ORIENTED DAILY NEWSPAPER  
"DAVAR". FULL TEXT POUCHED.

2. HEADLINE: "AMERICANS HAVE REJECTED ISRAEL'S DEMAND  
TO OUST DIRECTOR OF (BIRDF)." SUBHEAD: "HE IS  
ACCUSED OF SPENDING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS  
ON WAGES AND ADMINISTRATION." HIGHLIGHTS OF TEXT:  
"ISRAEL'S DEMAND TO REPLACE (BLACKMAN) HAS BEEN  
VIGOROUSLY REJECTED BY U.S. SECRETARIES OF FINANCE  
AND COMMERCE (AT AUGUST 16 MEETING), HOWEVER THE  
MEETING MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE COOPERATION  
BETWEEN (BLACKMAN AND LAVIE)."

3. "THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE MEETING WAS TENSE. (LAVIE)  
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VOICED SHARP CRITICISM OF WHAT GOES ON IN THE FUND.  
HE SAID NO PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED ALTHOUGH A  
NUMBER OF PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, WHILE EXDIR  
HAD ONLY DEALT WITH HIS PERSONAL AFFAIRS AND NOT COOPERA-  
TED WITH CHIEF SCIENTIST. HINTS WERE MADE ABOUT  
EXCESSIVE BENEFITS IN SALARY CONDITIONS OF THE EXDIR."

4. "THE AMERICANS ARGUED THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE CHIEF SCIENTIST WAS TO BLAME TO NO SMALL EXTENT FOR THE LACK OF COOPERATION. THERE WAS CONCERN THAT THE DISCUSSIONS MIGHT SLIP INTO AN EXCHANGE OF ACCUSATIONS. (MARHAIM) PROPOSED A COMPROMISE: (BLACKMAN) WOULD

CONTINUE IN OFFICE, BUT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE COOPERATION BETWEEN EXDIR AND (LAVIE); PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY EXDIR WOULD BE EXAMINED IN COOPERATION WITH (LAVIE); AND THE GUIDELINES WOULD BE REVISED TO ADJUST THEM TO THE CONDITIONS OF ISRAELI INDUSTRY AND TO FACILITATE SIMPLE PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL."

5. "(LAVIE) SAID THAT IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE FUND SHOULD SPEND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ON SALARIES AND ADMINISTRATION. INSTEAD OF EMPLOYING AN AMERICAN EXDIR ON US TERMS, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO EMPLOY AN ISRAELI. THE AMERICANS WERE OPPOSED TO THAT CHANGE." HART

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